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Nikoonahad et al.

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DIMENSION AND A THIN FILM
CHARACTERISTIC OF A SPECIMEN

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2004 to further highlight reasons why the application is in condition for allowance.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.